Joint Trails Commission Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting MINUTES — September 28, 2005 Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

TRAILS COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gary Smith; Commissioners Ken Bechmann, Peter McDonald, Julie Barnfather, Sue Chenault, Glenn Eades and new Youth Advocate, Michael Pfaff.

PBAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Arnold Tomac and Steve Hitch.

<u>CITY STAFF</u>: Tim Cox, Manager of Parks Planning; Linda Gorremans, Park Planner; Dave Alm, Public Works Transportation Planner, and Sharon Sato, Recording Secretary.

AUDIENCE: 1

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trails Commission Chair Gary Smith called to order the regular meeting of the joint Redmond Trails Commission (RTC) and Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) at 7:09 p.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC).

Chair Smith introduced and welcomed new Youth Advocate, Michael Pfaff.

New Commissioner, Tony Scott, will be attending his first meeting in October.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of July 27, 2005 RTC minutes as submitted by:

Commissioner Barnfather

Second by: Commissioner Bechmann

Motion carried: Unanimous 6-0

III. <u>ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE</u>

<u>Daniel Davids</u>, <u>Woodinville resident</u>, is a member of the Cascade Bicycle Club, Bicycle Alliance of Washington and avid bike enthusiast. Davids felt that attending this meeting would be the best place to get information and voice any questions or concerns. Davids frequently rides areas that are not "bike friendly" and most recently has been trying to identify the various municipalities involved in getting bike lanes and shoulders swept. He found that, often times, it is difficult finding the right agency responsible for constructing, maintaining, and answering questions for specific trail areas due to boundary line overlaps (i.e. Woodinville, Redmond and King County). Davids noted that he often takes his bike with him when traveling and found there are municipalities in California that are in a similar overlapping situation (city, county and state agency). One contact number is provided in the event of any questions, concerns, or complaints, this agency will then extends these calls to the right municipality contact. This system alleviates the caller trying to call several numbers to satisfy their specific need.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL CONNECTION PROJECTS DISCUSSION

Smith opened forum discussion.

<u>Tomac</u> - City staff had put together maps showing specific projects sites and where overlaps occur. He also added that he wanted to make sure and have a clear understanding of what the Council is specifically asking for, clarification as to whether the Council is asking for "new", not existing connections/improvements.

<u>Eades</u> - clarified Council's goal to identify and build ten new neighborhood pedestrian connections, sidewalks, trails and other pathways.

<u>Cox</u> - Staff is demonstrating that they are diligently working to meet these goals. Cox noted that the Trails Commission went through a list of twelve projects that were completed in the last two years and identifying ten new connections (currently on the Master Trails Plan list) that could possibly be done by June 2007. Cox added that the list could contain more than ten projects.

<u>Bechmann</u> - not sure how it can be guaranteed that extensive projects could he done within the requested timeframe (example - Watershed to Farrel McWhirter (FM) Park) per Council's request and felt it would be worthwhile to discuss what it would take to get each project done.

<u>McDonald</u> - suggested creating a list, with the top ten priorities and "other" projects, allowing Council to go through the list and make their final decisions on information provided by Commission and Committee.

<u>Tomac</u> - Council will focus on what can happen, connectors that are clearly connections between neighborhoods and focus on projects identified beneficial to Redmond residents, regional connectors are important as well.

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<u>Alm</u> - need to clarify Council's request - "what is important", "where should be put our assets", "what are the priorities (bike lanes, walking trails)", get some direction so staff can focus efforts on Council priorities.

<u>Barnfather</u> - step back and look at Big Picture, connecting people making mobility easier in community, encourage non-motorized transportation safe and easy access.

 $\underline{\text{Cox}}$ - Study Session, opportunity for open dialogue, opportunity for Council to look at and discuss priority list, list will show diverse values of Commission and Committee, helpful to staff.

<u>Alm</u> - take into consideration - are these transportation projects part of the future non-motorized transportation effort?

East Lake Sammamish Trail @ SR520

<u>Alm</u> - County has engineering plans submitted to WSDOT for approval, the design and construction will be paid for by County, have funding, have application for limited access right-of-way of WSDOT. Serve as connection from where trail ends to traffic signal at Redmond Way and ramps. All regional trails need to be in one footprint and connect logically through interchanges.

<u>Tomac</u> - State does not allow bike lanes on limited access property. Bridge is in the plans pending legislative funding approval.

Bridal Crest Trail - East end of 148th Avenue NE

<u>Gorremans</u> - wide corridor where trail switches back and forth down hill. Not replacing soft surface trail, in addition to.

<u>Eades</u> - heavily used corridor. Used by Ben Rush school student. Places on trail very muddy during rainy season.

<u>Tomac</u> - When Microsoft builds new bridge at 30th, they will use 172nd as a major bike corridor for area. Good route, safer, go down from trail to Microsoft campus. Does not meet ADA regulations.

<u>Cox</u> - from existing street right-of-way with wider portion of existing length of trail and might accommodate a separated soft/paved trail.

<u>McDonald</u> - Too much existing "pavement", enjoy off-road/unpaved surface. Need to further investigate need to pave. Nice to have safe place where there is not a lot of fast moving traffic.

<u>Eades</u> - Most users are pedestrians, it would be more useful to have a year round trail with less muddy conditions.

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<u>Bechmann</u> - Many times pedestrians don't mind using soft surface trails. Puget Power is a good example of an unpaved trail.

Alm - from a Bike-Ped perspective, trail is for recreational use, not part of the Non-motorized transportation network, natural connection between West Lake Sammamish Parkway and Microsoft via the SR520 trail, no bike facilities on 40th, bike facilities on 51st but a lot of traffic, mostly used for commuters coming into work, eventually it will be paved and make connections, not necessary to do it right now, coming in future, agree that improvements might be considered along the Bridle Crest Trail, eventually a bike commute route, good multi-agency/grant candidate project, recommended by the Grass Lawn Citizen Advisory Committee.

<u>Tomac</u> - Need to discuss with Council in terms of existing trails - focus on making improvements on them, may include paving some, trailheads, access, what do you want us to consider, right track, what about other items. Make a list down below the top ten priorities as important for Council to consider, listed as "other items".

<u>Tomac</u> - transportation meeting scheduled for October 5 at Redmond Library, hosted by WSDOT, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., comments taken, discussion.

Summary of Connection Projects Discussed (Table)

- Twenty-five potential projects which are a mix of Trails Commission and PBAC projects (five overlapping projects proposed by both TC and PBAC).
- Ten "first tier" projects (Table 1 below) and ten additional connections discussed (Table 2 - labeled "Other Priorities" and categorized as follows:
 - Trails Commission list 1,2,8,9 done or at least underway, needs status report, needs to be on list - new, underway, needs status report.
 - PBAC Committee list 9, 10, 12 long term.
 - o Improvements PBAC Committee 1, 2, 3, one of which is TC 10

Trails/PBAC meeting with City Council (Study Session) - October 25th, 7:00 p.m.

TABLE #1 OF NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS DISCUSSED

Top Ten	Neighborhood Connection Projects	Comments	Action
Priorities			Ву
1.	Redmond 74	New development located between Red-Wood Rd and Sammamish River. Connect to development to PSE Trail. Trail easement need to be identified and trails to be build.	TĆ
2.	PSE Trail to 132nd Avenue NE	Westward. No staff resources. No study.	TC
3.	PSE Trail to Willows Creek Park on 142nd	Connection southward - thru valley substation. Existing informal trail, change grade. No study. (4A & 4B - Bike Ped list)	TC
4.	Farrel McWhirter Park to Watershed Preserve Connection via PSE Trail	Question as to completion in next two years. Partner w/KC to get trail built. Need letter of support from Mayor & Council. Important connector. Question of availability of KC funds.	TC
5.	Trail Connection to Red Brick Road from Evans Creek Trail in SE Redmond	Paved trail from Fall City Road through Lakeside PRD built by developer, ends at north boundary of development. Interim connection from paved trail to 196th Avenue NE (Red Brick Road), connect to Johnson Park.	тс
6.	Connect 151st Ave. NE to Redmond Way	Currently informal dirt trail, would like to replace with paved trail.	PBAC
7.	Connect 152nd Ave. NE to Redmond Way	Currently informal dirt trail, would like to replace with paved trail.	PBAC
8.	Sunny Slopes Farm Short Plat	Connect NE 51st Street to NE 57th Street.	PBAC
9.	WLSP Trail Extension South	NE 51st Street to Bell-Red Rd., extend to Marymoor Park river side, extend to Bell-Red Rd., part of Trails MP, connection to Idylwood Park.	PBAC
10.	SR202 to NE 76th Street	Connect to NE76th Street bypass of SR202 interchange	PBAC

TABLE #2 OF NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS DISCUSSED

Other	■ #2 OF NEIGHBURHOUD CON Neighborhood Connection Projects	Comments	Action
Priorities			By
1.	Trail connecting NE 116th Street and NE 124th Street near 167th Avenue NE	Connect 116th to 124th thru 3 development projects. Permits dependant on dedication of trail easements as part of permits. Soft surface trail.	TĆ
2.	Valley View Trail connecting PSE Trail and existing trail at NE 104th Street	Avondale PRD part of design criteria needs to dedicate and build portion of trail south of PSE Trail. City will build trail on city owned property.	TC
3.	E. Lake Sammamish Trail	Connect between NE 70th St. to SR520. SR520 right turn east on SR202 Ped-Bike bridge over to connect to sidewalk.	TC
4.	Trail at Bear Creek Trail	Under design. Trail behind Safeway. Funded with T-21 grant, IAC funding, in design, applied for permits - 2006. 60% design, does not have permits, no final design, not constructed. Will watchdog.	тс
5.	Bridle Crest Trail	Construct paved trail from SR520 west to 148th w/in city limits. West of Bridle Crest Trail.	TC
6.	Bike lanes on NE 116th St., Willows Road to 154th Place NE		PBAC
7.	PSE Trailhead	Enhancements at SR202, NE 104th St., NE 110th St. and 172nd Ave. NE.	PBAC
8.	FM-McWhirter Park to Watershed Preserve on PSE Trail	Very distant future - paved surface trails, trying to partner with KC, ask CC to write letter of support to KC, Need staff follow-up.	PBAC
9.	BNSF R/W Acquisition	Valuable asset community as link to major trails,	PBAC
10.	Bridal Crest Trail Improvements	Add paved to existing soft surface trail. Does not meet ADA requirements. Connect between WLSP and Microsoft. Leading from equestrian state park.	PBAC

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V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Smith at 9:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sharon Sato

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THE NEXT REDMOND TRAILS COMMISSION MEETING:
Wednesday, October 26, 2005
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center
7:00 p.m.